

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes

December 11, 2008, 2008

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Community Forum

(draft)

APPROVED

In attendance: Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Edd Blackler, Chuck Gough, Leslie Budewitz, , Steve Zabaro, Sue Hanson, Bruce Solberg,

Chairman Craig Wagner called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Agenda: The motion was made to adopt the agenda. (m/sc Solberg/ Zabaro/) Passed.

Minutes: The motion was made to adopt the minutes as amended (m/sc Zabaro Solberg) Passed

Treasurer's Report: Steve reported that a \$500.00 check was paid to Bethany Lutheran Church for the use of their facilities. He has a bill from Bigfork Web Development for \$60.00 for the bi annual payment due on December 15, 2008 but has been waiting for news on having our own checking account. Chuck Gough has the papers for us to sign. He also made the motion for us to proceed and to have 2 signatures on the checks. Discussion followed on the 2 signature required. An Amendment was made to use 2 signatures for checks \$100.00 and over. (m/sc Budewitz/Gough) Original motion to set up the account (m/sc Gough/Solberg) Passed Our Balance is \$2266.70 The report was approved. (m/sc Hanson /Gough) A secondary discussion followed about trying to have a fund raiser as we have some funds committed and will need to pay for our Liability Insurance next year if we are to continue with the committee. It was also suggested that we target our funds for a specific project. A suggestion was also made to contact all the groups in Bigfork such as Lady Lions, Rotary, Bigfork Parks Advisory Board etc. etc and establish a liaison with so that we are all working together. So after the holiday season is over we will be looking into doing that project.

Chamber of Commerce: Bruce stated he had secured a new carriage company to provide the tradition in Bigfork. They will be here on the December 13 and December 20, 2008 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.

Resort Tax: No Report.

Lake County Planning: They gave a presentation to the Flathead Basin Commission. They were concerned that we have zoning in place before the Woods Bay Sewer District is implemented which they hope to have in place in 2011. Leslie assured them, zoning would be in place. They are very supportive of our project. North Lake County Committee will be meeting on the second and forth Friday in January due to the holiday- January 9, and January 23, 2008 at 9:00 am at Saddlehorn Discovery Tower. The Lake County Planning Department presented their new Subdivision Regulations which have gone through an intensive rewrite and they will go to Lake County Commissioners next week on December 16, 2008

Stormwater Committee: Susan is in touch with Scott Reichner, our new legislator and the committee and county will be going to Helena in January in the hopes obtaining another grant. The Bigfork Elementary School put in a wonderful filtration system that has reduced the storm runoff from their play ground and parking areas by 75%. Sue also

reported that Russ Kinzer would like to do the other parking area in the High School area which has a lot of runoff. An engineer looked and said it would cost about \$70,000.00. We are asking for a \$60,000.00 grant and perhaps could partner with the school. In January Sue will meet with Jim Dupont and the other commissioners and bring them up to date about the Stormwater Committee.

Chairman's Report: When our Public Workshop meeting was cancelled at 8:30 in the morning in November Craig wrote a letter to all three commissioners that after over 4 years of working on this plan we were quite disappointed that the meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. He also wrote that people who ask to be on boards and are appointed be given a letter of their duties to Flathead County citizens. Craig received a nice letter from Joe in return. Joe also sent a list of board vacancies and expressed his desire to have someone from his district apply for the Road Advisory Board. I will send out the list of boards in an email. Craig also gave a report on Board of Adjustment Decisions from Bigfork, Tom Brown Zoning Variance: Denied. Stoddard Conditional Use Permit for an additional event: Denied. The Shagagi Conditional Use Permit will be heard in February. Craig was reappointed to the Board of Adjustment.

Old Business:

New Business: Leslie wanted to bring up the subject of the Library. It appears the main library in Kalispell is looking for a new building and the Bigfork Branch is a not a issue at this time .She mentioned the fact that Whitefish and Columbia Falls went and got libraries on their own. She proposed that Bigfork do the same. She proposed that the BSC, and the Community Foundation for a Better Bigfork and with the Library Board and the Library Building Committee form a working committee along with other members of the community and of course the Bigfork Librarian. We will pursue this idea.

Announcements: Only announcement is the meeting taking place at the Planning Board tonight at 6:00 pm. (Went----- back to Tweaking on a few items and back to meet in February with the Planning Board again)

Meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm

Pat Wagner, Secretary

Happy Holidays to everyone! We will meet again on January 8, 2009 12:00 pm Bethany Lutheran Church.